

9 FAM Appendix C, SYRIA

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RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
D	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]

O-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
T-1 [9]	N/A	N/A	N/A
T-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-4	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-288; 05-30-2001)

Syria is a designated state sponsor of terrorism. Although there are no mandatory special clearance procedures for any classes or categories of Syrian applicants, all Syrian visa applications should be scrutinized closely for potential illegal transfer of sensitive technology, as described in the Technology Alert List (TAL).

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Police Record

(TL:VISA-383; 04-02-2002)

Police records in Syria are maintained by the Ministry of Interior, Criminal Security Department. Separate records are maintained by each jurisdiction. Some jurisdictions are computerized, but there is no central computerized database. Individuals can request copies of their police records from their respective jurisdictions of residence or previous residence. Third parties can request police records for an individual if they present the individual's Syrian I.D. number.

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

Unavailable.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-262; 04-18-2001)

Unavailable.

Birth, Marriage, Divorce and Death Certificates

(TL:VISA-262; 04-18-2001)

Available. The Bureau of Vital Statistics offices in major cities maintain records of birth, marriage, divorce and death for most Syrians. Birth/baptism, marriage and death certificates, as well as divorce decrees can also be obtained from Christian and Jewish religious authorities. There is no civil marriage in Syria. After certificates are issued by the religious authorities, marriages and divorces are registered with the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the nearest major city as well as at the office nearest the individual's place of permanent residence.

Civil documents are reasonably reliable for events occurring after 1924, but are usually unavailable for earlier dates. Church records are generally the only source of information for documents pertaining to events prior to 1924. Care should be taken, however, to ensure that information on documents has not been officially changed by court order. Certified extracts from the Bureau of Vital Statistics records are readily available upon request. Fee: A fee may be charged for this service.

Adoption Record

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

Unavailable. Syrian law does not provide for adoption.

Passports: Information on Travel Documents

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

The Department no longer accepts Syrian service passports for visa purposes. The requirements stated in section 101(a)(30) of the Act are no longer being met, and Syrian service passports do not comply with the definition of a passport. This action is in keeping with U.S. Government efforts to tighten restrictions on the movement of terrorists, in this case those using third country passports. However, this will not affect the issuance of visas to holders of passports in the other three categories. Applicants should be informed that the United States Government is no longer accepting service passports for visas, but should the applicant wish to present any of the other three types of Syrian passports, the application will be considered.

There are four different types of Syrian passports:

- (1) Service (green);
- (2) Diplomatic (red);
- (3) Official (blue); and
- (4) Regular (blue).

Visas will not be placed in the green service passports. Syrians who present these passports should be refused under section 221(g) of the Act. Forms OF-232 may not be used to issue visas to Syrians who present service passports.

VISA ISSUING POST

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

Damascus (E) All Categories

GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVICED

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

All of Syria.